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Requestor Information

Department name: Department of Environmental Quality
Department number: 303
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Purpose of Request

Is this request related to a state emergency? No
Purpose of request: Increase in line item spending authority

Line Item	Amount
30360 Grants	\$3,816,000

Funding Information

What is the source of funds for the requested increase? Other
Source: Special Funds - Volkswagen Settlement
Is the funding source a pass-through from another agency? No
Does the request require a general fund match in this biennium? No
Will the request require general fund support in the next biennium? No

Background Information

Was any portion of the request presented during the previous legislative session? No
Is the request for a new program? No
Does the request require an FTE increase? No
Does the request conform with legislative intent? Yes

Provide explanation:

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) was designated to receive North Dakota's portion of the Volkswagen Settlement Funds. As part of the Volkswagen Settlement, Volkswagen was required to establish an environmental mitigation trust which was allocated to states based on the number of registered Volkswagen vehicles. Based on the trust guidelines, the DEQ submitted a mitigation plan for North Dakota's allocation of \$8,125,000 settlement funds. The mitigation plan submitted by the DEQ focuses on reducing NOx emissions from mobile sources. The DEQ awards the funds as rebate grants via a competitive application process in four categories as outlined in the mitigation plan. The four categories are Large Trucks, Buses, Medium Trucks, and Electric Vehicle Charging Stations.

Other Information

Statutory provisions that relate to this request:
n/a

Provide an explanation as to how the request supports state priorities, improves state efficiencies, and promotes effective state government:

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is committed to safeguarding North Dakota's air, land, and water resources. The Volkswagen trust promotes this mission by reducing NOx emissions.
The DEQ is requesting additional appropriation authority of \$3,816,000 for the 2021-23 biennium. The request is to fund the rebate grant contracts that had an unexpended balance from the 2019-21 biennium. These funds were awarded via grant contracts in the 2019-21 biennium however due to supply chain issues resulting from COVID-19 pandemic the contracts were unable to expend their funds and carried forward to the 2021-23 biennium. The DEQ requested \$4,485,000 for the Volkswagen in the 2021-23 Biennium. If additional authority is granted, the DEQ will be able to move forward with awarding new grant contracts in the 2021-23 biennium.

Provide any other relevant information:
n/a



Signature

☒ I, the undersigned, have read this Request, know the contents, and believe the statements contained within to be true.

Beth Jacobson

11/29/2021

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Date